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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF :

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: EXAMINER: SEAL, J.

SERIAL NO: 09/059,765

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FILED: APRIL 14, 1998

: GROUP ART UNIT: 2131

FOR: TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING
APPARATUS AND A
TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING
METHOD

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 5-9, 11 and 12 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A receiving apparatus, comprising:
- receiving means for receiving an electronic mail transmitted through a network;
- first extracting means for extracting encrypted certification information inserted in
said electronic mail received by said receiving means;
- second extracting means for extracting a control command inserted in said electronic
mail received by said receiving means for controlling a remote reservation function of an